

REMARKS


Claim 1 has been amended to make it more specific with respect to the selection of a probe routine at the server. It is clear that the selection of the probe routine is done at the server based on characteristics of the receiving client. The probe routine is then transferred from the server to the client. The probe routine then determines capabilities of the client by examining a file on the client. *See* the specification at page 5, lines 11-13. Finally, the probe routine is maintained on the client for subsequent reactivation. *See* the specification at page 5, line 21-25.

The maintenance of the probe routine on the client is not taught in either of the cited references. Moreover, the cited references do not teach examining a file on the client to determine the capabilities of that client. Finally, the cited references do not teach selecting a probe routine based on a client characteristic. Namely, there is no selection at the server of one of at least two probe routines, that selection being implemented based on a characteristic of the client.

Therefore, reconsideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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